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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Education (December 2005)

University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies

Master of Arts, Education (June 2002)

University of California, Los Angeles, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies

Master of Public Affairs (May 1999)

University of Texas at Austin, The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs

Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics (May 1996)

University of Texas at Austin, College of Natural Sciences

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Dean for Student Success, Community Engagement, and Administration

College of Education, University of Texas at Austin (2023 -).

Department Chair, Educational Leadership and Policy

College of Education, University of Texas at Austin (June 2017 – August 2023).

Professor, Program in Higher Education Leadership

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, University of Texas at Austin (Sept. 2019 – current)

Honoric Titles (merit-based):

Holder, W.K. Kellogg Professorship in Community College Leadership (Fall 2021 - current)

Faculty Fellow, Sid W. Richardson Regents Chair in Community College Leadership (2013-14; 2014-15, Fall 2017; 2019-20; 2020-21)

Faculty Fellow, W.K. Kellogg Professorship in Community College Leadership (Spring 2018; 2018-19)

Faculty Fellow, A.M. Aikin Chair in Community and Junior College Leadership (2015-16)

Courtesy Affiliations (all current)

Faculty Affiliate, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT-Austin (2021 -)

Faculty Associate, Center for Mexican American Studies, UT-Austin (2007 -)

Faculty Affiliate, Department of Mexican American & Latina/o Studies, UT-Austin (2012 -)

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Urban Policy Research & Analysis, UT-Austin (2017 -)

Faculty Fellow with the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, UT-Austin (2008 -)

Faculty Affiliate with the Irma Rangel UT Public Policy Institute (2009 -)
Faculty Associate, Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA (2007 -)

Associate Professor, Program in Higher Education Leadership

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, University of Texas at Austin (Sept. 2013 – Aug. 2019)

Assistant Professor, Program in Higher Education Leadership

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, University of Texas at Austin, Aug. 2007– Aug. 2013

Visiting Assistant Professor

Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, UCLA; September 2006 –June 2007

Postdoctoral Scholar - Research Manager

Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA; October 2005-August 2007

Graduate Research Analyst

Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA; 2002 –2005

Graduate Advisor; Teaching Associate

Academic Advancement Program & EAOP, UCLA; 2002 – 2004

Program Assistant/Program Evaluator

Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, Austin, TX; May 1999 – May 2001

High School Math Teacher

La Joya ISD, La Joya, TX; 1996 – 1997

PUBLICATIONS

44 REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES (PUBLISHED/IN PRESS/ACCEPTED)

3 JOURNAL ARTICLES – UNDER PEER-REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS

3 BOOKS (CO-EDITED)

21 BOOK CHAPTERS OR BOOK REVIEWS

25 TECHNICAL REPORTS, MONOGRAPHS, & ESSAYS

3 OP-EDS

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

70+ REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

50+ INVITED - KEYNOTES OR MAJOR SPEECHES/LECTURES

70+ INVITED SESSIONS AT CONFERENCES OR PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

22 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

STUDENT DISSERTATIONS/ADVISING

Completed – Dissertation Committee Chair or Co-Chair (n=40)

Current – Dissertation Committee Chair (n=4)

Current – Dissertation Committee Member (n=5)

Past – Dissertation Committee Member (over 50)

Current Doctoral & Masters Advisees (over 35)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES (UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL, STATE, AND OTHER)

National Service

- External Reviewer for Promotion and Tenure cases (n=22)
- Research Advisory Board Member, Campaign for College Opportunity (2019-current)
- Member, Board of Directors, American Association for Hispanics in Higher Education
 - Chair, 2021-22
 - Chair-Elect, 2019-21
 - Vice Chair, 2018-19
- Director (*national election*), Association for the Study of Higher Education, Board of Directors (2015-2017)
- National Advisory Board, National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition (2015-2018)
- Section Chair, Association for the Study of Higher Education (2015 conference)
- Secretary, AERA Division J (*national election*) (2013-2015)
- Various other service appointments with scholarly/professional associations

State/Regional Service

- Board Member, Austin PBS (2022- current)

- Board Member, Texas Lyceum Board of Directors (2020-current)
- Board Member, Ann Richards School Foundation Board (2019-current)
- Board Member, UT Elementary School Management Board (2016-current)
- Member, E3 Alliance Blueprint Leadership Council (2019-2020)
- Greater Austin Area My Brother's Keeper Taskforce (2015-2017)
- Chair, Texas Male Student Leadership Summit (2014-2019)
- Member, Foundation Advisory Board, Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy (Austin ISD) (2014-2015)
- Board of Directors, Hispanic Scholarship Consortium (2012-current)
- Chair, UT-Austin Latino Male Symposium (2011-2013)
- Member, Latino/a "Closing The Gaps" Task Force, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, (2007-2008)
- Member, HACU Hispanic Higher Education Research Collective (2007)
- Member, California Inter-segmental Coordinating Committee (CA Education Roundtable) 2004- 2005
- Policy Editor, Texas Hispanic Journal of Law and Policy, UT School of Law, August 1997 – May 1999

Other Service Activities

- Membership in the following professional associations:
 - Association for the Study of Higher Education (2002 - current); American Educational Research Association (2002 - current); Association for Institutional Research (2003 – current); American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (2005 - current); American Association of Community Colleges (2012); NASPA (2006); Society for the Advancement of Chicanos & Native Americans in Science (2004-2005); American Association for Higher Education (2003-2004); National Association for Chicana/o Studies (1995-1997)
- Research Affiliations:
 - Faculty Fellow, Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis (IUPRA, UT-Austin) (2017-current)
 - Faculty Fellow, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, UT-Austin (2007-current)
 - Faculty Associate, Center for Mexican American Studies, UT-Austin (2007 – current)
 - Faculty Affiliate, Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA (2007- current)
 - Faculty Affiliate, Irma Rangel Public Policy Institute, UT-Austin (2012-current)
 - Faculty Associate, Texas Center for Education Policy, UT-Austin (2007-current)
 - Inter-University Program for Latino Research, University of Notre Dame (2000-current)

RESEARCH CONTRACTS, GIFTS, & FELLOWSHIP GRANTS – OVER \$6 MILLION (SINCE 2010)

HONORS & RECOGNITION

- ASHE Mentoring Award, 2022
- Seedling Foundation, Austin Fab Five, 2021
- Texas Lyceum, Board of Directors, Class of 2020
- HACU Presidential Leadership Academy Fellow (Academia de Liderazgo), 2019-20
- Finalist, Examples of Excelencia –for Project MALES, under the Bachelors category, Excelencia in Education (2019)
- Somos Austin Award, Austin Community Foundation (2019)
- Hispanic Service Award, Austin Independent School District (2019)
- AERA Hispanic Issues SIG, Research Award in Elementary, Secondary, or Postsecondary Education (April 2018)
- Luminaria Award, Catch The Next (May 2018)
- Faculty Fellow, W.K. Kellogg Professorship in Community College Leadership (Jan. 2018-current)
- Commencement Speaker, UT-Austin Latinx Graduation (May 2017)
- Faculty Fellow, A.M. Aikin Regents Chair in Junior and Community College Education Leadership (2015-16; 2016-17)
- Faculty Fellow, Sid W. Richardson Regents Chair in Community College Leadership (2013-14, 2014-15; fall 2017)
- Commencement Speaker, UT-Austin College of Education Graduation (December 2014)
- Education Advocate Award, Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce (October 2014)
- Men of Strength Award, Wiley College (February 2014)
- Distinguished Alumni Award, National Hispanic Institute (Fall 2013)
- College Access Award for Project MALES, Hispanic Scholarship Consortium (June 2013)
- Corazon Award, Con Mi Madre (Spring 2013)
- Nominee, Early Career Award, ASHE Council on Ethnic Participation (Fall 2012)
- Nominee, Early Career Award, Association for the Study of Higher Education (Fall 2011)
- Vice President’s Excellence Award, for service on the 26th Annual Heman Sweatt Symposium committee (Spring 2012)
- Featured articles in the following media outlets: Diverse, Hispanic Outlook, Alcalde (Texas Exes), Chronicle of Higher Education, Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, La Voz de Austin, Our Campus (UT-Austin) & San Antonio Express News (2002-Current)
- I.N.G. Professor of Excellence, UT-Austin Graduate School (Fall 2010)
- Faculty Fellow, Division of Diversity & Community Engagement (DDCE), UT-Austin (May 2010 – current)
- Top 25 to Watch, Diverse Leaders in Higher Education, Diverse Magazine (May 2009)
- Faculty Fellow, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (March 2009)
- Commissioned Paper, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (2007-2008)
- NIH Postdoctoral Scholar, Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA (2005-2006)
- Faculty Award for Academic Excellence & Service, UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies (2004-2005)
- Spencer Research Training Grant Fellowship, GSEIS, UCLA (2001 –2004)
- Graduate Student Fellow, American Association of Higher Education (March 2003)
- Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (1994-1996)
- Texas Achievement Award, University of Texas at Austin (1992-1996)